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## AT WORK



## Hard Time Meets Hard Wood

Winning is something that UConn Huskies fans have come to expect of their teams. But the sell out crowd of 16,000 women's basketball fans at the Hartford Civic Center were recently presented with a vivid reminder by the Department of Correction of just how successful the UConn teams, both women's and men's have been in recent years.

At halftime, Commissioner Theresa Lantz and Unified School District #1, Vocational Instructor Mike Bald of Cheshire CI met UCONN Athletic Director Jeff Hathaway at center court. The trio was flanked on either side by two massive and highly detailed wooden plaques detailing both the men's and women's NCAA national championships. During a brief ceremony, the plaques were presented to UConn to display on the Storrs campus.

The colorful sculptures were handcrafted by inmates at the woodworking shop in Cheshire under the direction of Bald. They took several months and more than 300 man hours each to complete. Similar works have been completed and donated to veteran's groups, military units, schools and communities throughout Connecticut.

The Huskies took the game 57 to 44 over Rutgers in the battle for first place in the Big East. It's hoped the plaques will play a role in commemorating the first place spot that the Huskies, both women and men, hold in the hearts of Connecticut sports fans.



(L-R) Commissioner Theresa Lantz, UCONN Athletic Director Jeff Hathaway and Vocational Education Instructor Mike Bald

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## Our Mission

The Department of Correction shall protect the public, protect staff, and provide safe, secure and humane supervision of offenders with opportunities that support successful community reintegration

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About and for  
correctional  
professionals

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## Class 227 “Perfection”

After 227 academy classes and tens of thousands of employees, the Department has at long last found perfection. He is Correction Officer Timothy Klett who is now assigned to the Enfield CI. Klett is believed to be the first cadet to graduate with a perfect (100 percent) score which earned him the “Highest Scholastic Achievement Award” for Academy Class 227. Klett and his fellow cadets participated in the graduation ceremony held at MCTSD on January 20, 2005.

The guest speaker was Major General William Cugno, Adjutant General for both the Army and Air National Guard. Addressing family and friends of the graduates, as well as assembled Correctional staff, Cugno praised public service saying “It’s simply wrong to just care....You gotta’ care so much that it hurts.” Continued on Page 6, Class 227



Correction Officer Timothy Klett of  
Enfield CI

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## Carlone goes to Japan

Captain Joseph Carlone of the Cheshire Correctional Institution will run in the Law Enforcement Torch Run representing the State of Connecticut at the Special Olympics World Games in Nagano, Japan later this month.

Every two years, thousands of Special Olympics athletes from around the world come together to showcase their athletic skills and celebrate the spirit of Special Olympics. The Special Olympics World Games is a world-class sporting event featuring intense competition and inspiring performances by great athletes.

Since the first Special Olympics World Games were held in Chicago, Illinois in July 1968, the event has grown to become one of the world’s leading athletic events. In 2005, the Special Olympics World Winter Games will be held in Nagano, Japan, continuing a tradition of top sports competitions, most recently the 1998 Olympic Winter Games.

Special Olympics – Connecticut (SOCT) proudly announced that the following athletes will represent Connecticut as part of Team USA: **David Cruz** of Hartford will compete in Speed Skating; **Jennifer Spory** of Morris will compete in Cross Country Skiing; **Damian Valensky** of Oxford will compete in Alpine Skiing; and **Theresa McSparran** of Clinton will compete in Snowshoeing. In addition, SOCT Coach and Local Coordinator **Karen Kalenauskas** of Southbury was selected as a Team USA Alpine Skiing Coach. Also representing the State of Connecticut in the Law Enforcement Torch Run is Captain **Joseph Carlone** of the Connecticut Department of Correction.

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Captain Carlone, is a fourteen- year veteran of the agency. The Torch Run and its surrounding activities, such as Tip-A-Cop, is the single largest grassroots fundraising effort on behalf of SOCT. Without this support the level of activities and competitions we currently provide for the more than 6,500 children and adults with intellectual disabilities would most likely suffer. Connecticut is the founder of the Tip-A-Cop.

The 2005 Special Olympics World Winter Games will be a flagship event of the Special Olympics movement in Japan and in Asia, said Kayoko Hosokawa, Chairperson of Special Olympics Nippon and the 2005 Special Olympics World Winter Games Preparatory Committee. "It certainly will create a legacy that will provide greater awareness of the Special Olympics movement in the region and more sports opportunities for athletes worldwide than ever before."

The single biggest event before the 2005 Special Olympics World Winter Games is the Olympic Flame relay, dubbed the Torch Run. The 2005 World Games will feature two events: the International Law Enforcement Torch Run(R)Final Leg, and the 5 Million Person Torch Run. The two flames will be joined in Matsumoto - shi Nagano, and the single "Flame of Hope" will be carried to its final destination in Nagano for the ignition of the cauldron, which is the pinnacle event of the Opening Ceremonies.



(Back row) Captain Joe Carlone with his SOCT Team Members, Theresa McSparran, Jennifer Spory, David Cruz (Front row) Damian Valenzky, Karen

Continued on Page 6, *Japan* Kalenauskas

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## Capital Punishment - Practiced, Prepared, Professional

Even for one of the longest and most dramatic murder cases in Connecticut history, it was an unexpected end to the latest chapter. The first execution scheduled in all of New England in nearly 45 years was called off at the 11<sup>th</sup> hour and ultimately did not occur within the time allowed under the execution warrant, as Michael Ross' attorney backed away from his client's stated desire to be executed. But the events of the past several months and those on the night of the expected execution did make clear to all of those watching that the Connecticut Department of Correction was practiced, prepared and professional. "I wish to express my sincere gratitude and appreciation to all of the staff involved in this process whose professionalism and commitment once again demonstrates that we are the best in the country," said Commissioner Theresa C. Lantz. Since early fall, when the execution was anticipated, dozens of staff have worked tirelessly to re-create a process the Department had long ago ceased conducting drills for. Extensive research was conducted, procedures were drawn up and then redrafted, and intensive training went on for weeks. All of those who were involved, were strictly volunteers.

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# From the Front Line

*The following is a correspondence received from Jeff Suprenant of Osborn CI, who is stationed in Iraq.*

The election went extremely well. The last count from our reports was a 72% turnout, which is excellent. We don't get voter turnout like this in the states. The insurgents caused nearly no disturbance to the elections. I believe the casualty reports were 25 Iraqi dead. We have an Iraqi interpreter that lives with us; he left Iraq in 1969 as a teenager. He was telling me a funny, uplifting story that he heard on the Iraqi radio station. "An 89 year old Iraqi lady was taken to the polling booth by a wheelbarrow" that's how much the elections meant to her. We are making a huge difference here. The roads are being paved, the water is on, electricity is working and the schools are open. It will take some time but Iraq will be a much better place to live and a better friend to the world. The Republican Party did not pay me to say that ha-ha. The Sunnis did however boycott the elections they are the minority in this country and I believe they will regret that decision. Well that's it for now, I will talk to you later.



Pictured above is the compound where Lt. Suprenant is residing while stationed in Iraq. (Their current military compound used to be one of Sadaam's beach houses)

Sincerely, Jeff

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## MVP's:

Allen, Thomas Lt	McWCI
Artz, Kevin CO	McWCI
Atwood, Brian CO	NCI
Baker, Andrea CS	McWCI
Barbour, Benjamin CO	CRCC
Bell, Sylvia Rec Spec	McWCI
Bolduc, Christopher CO	NCI
Bouchard, Blaise Lt	WCB
Breedlove, John CC	NCI
Brito, Patricia CC	CRCC
Butkiewicz, David Lt	NCI
Camp, George CC	McWCI
Cannon, Mark CO	NCI
Carroll, Margaret SST	CRCC
Casey, Joseph Lt	NCI
Cassata, Helen SST	CRCC
Clark, Robert CC	McWCI
Cooper, Marc CC	McWCI
Cummings, Thomas Capt	McWCI
Czikowsky, Daniel CO	CRCC
Desso, James Capt	WCB
Elder, Mack Reverend	CRCC
Faucher, Stephen Capt	CRCC
Furey, Richard HSA	McWCI
Gargiulo, Marc Lt	NCI
Germond, Paul CO	NCI
Godwin, Tanjorie CO	CRCC
Hackett, Daniel CO	NCI
Harpin, Gregory Lt	CRCC
Harrigan, David CO	NCI
Hatton, Cleave CO	BCC
Hightower, Keith Capt	McWCI
Hirshboeck, Mark CO	CRCC
Hoffman, Robert Lt	NCI
Holland, Daniel CO	McWCI
Howes, Michael CO	McWCI
Hutchings, Richard CC	McWCI
Keeney, William CO	NCI
Lawrie, John CS	McWCI
LeBrecque, Brian Rec Supv	McWCI
Lincoln, William CO	CRCC
Loos, Scott CO	McWCI
Martucci, Karen CC	McWCI
McCown, Tonia PO	Wtby Parole
McCoy, Mary SST	MYI

## Capital , Cont'd

"We had only three months to fully prepare ourselves," said Commissioner Lantz. "In my almost 29 years of experience in the field of corrections, I have never been involved in a more complex, comprehensive and challenging operation." Under Commissioner Lantz's direction, the Department collaboratively reached out to all of those who would be involved in the process, State Police, the State Health Department, the towns of Enfield and Somers, even the protestors, providing them with shelter, hot chocolate and porta-potties in the winter cold.

The Robinson Correctional Institution Visiting Center was turned into a television studio as dozens of members of the media converged to cover the administration of capital punishment. With little more than an hour to go before the scheduled 2:01 a.m. execution the process was cancelled. But even with this unforeseen event, the public saw a highly organized and dedicated agency which had purposely avoided any involvement in the highly emotional debate.

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# Capital Punishment, Cont'd

“ We carried out our responsibility with humanity, dignity and efficiency, while continuing to meet our mission of public safety, staff safety and order in our facilities,” said Commissioner Lantz.



Attorney General Richard Blumenthal, center addresses the crowd at a press Conference as Commissioner Theresa Lantz, left and Chief State's Attorney Christopher Morano look on.

## Did you know?

*Did you know is an informational column written by the Facilities Management and Engineering Unit, aimed at increasing your knowledge of issues in our everyday lives. This week's issue was submitted by Richard Pease who can be reached at 860-692-7562. If you have any questions or an idea for a future column please contact Director David Batten at 860-692-7554.*



### Did you know about household waste?

Many common household items such as paints, cleaners, oils, batteries, and pesticides contain hazardous components. One way to help determine if your household waste has hazardous components is to read the labels on products. Labels that read “danger,” “warning,” “caution,” “toxic,” “corrosive,” “flammable,” or “poison” identify products that might contain hazardous materials. Leftover portions of these products are called household hazardous waste (HHW). These products, if mishandled, can be dangerous to your health and the environment.

Although we cannot completely stop using hazardous products, we can make sure that leftovers are managed properly. The best way to handle HHW is to reduce the amount initially generated by giving leftover products to someone else to use.

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## MVP's, Con't:

McKinney, Karl CO	McWCI
McKinnon, Charles CO	CRCC
McKissick, William Rev	McWCI
McNaughton, Scott CO	McWCI
Meyers, Carbet CO	CRCC
Miller, Fred CO	McWCI
Mitsou, Michael CFSS II	McWCI
Morales, Bienvenido CO	McWCI
Moyers, Bruce CO	NCI
Nash, Terri Sec II	CRCC
Nolan, Brian CTO	NCI
Onforio, Paul Lt	CRCC
Ortiz, Julio CO	WCB
Paroza, Andrea SST	CRCC
Rae, Brian CO	NCI
Reardon, Arthur CO	McWCI
Reardon, Peter CO	WCB
Righenzi, Jayson CO	McWCI
Semmlerock, Christy CO	CRCC
Skulczyck Kevin CO	CRCC
Snyder, David CO	McWCI
Stawiarski, Cindy CHN	McWCI
Stolfi, Matthew CO	McWCI
Stuart, Sean CO	McWCI
Stubbs, Melissa SSP	CRCC
Szpyrka, Doreen CO	CRCC
Taylor, Russell CO	McWCI
Therieuault, Michelle Capt	CRCC
Titus, Thomas CO	ECI
Trifone, Joshua CO	McWCI
Velez, Abraham Lt	McWCI
Veno, Thomas Capt	CCI
Wales, Preston CO	HCC
Washo, Janet SST	McWCI
Wellenberger, John CO	McWCI
Weiner, Benjamin CO	NCI
White, Randall Rec Supv	BCI
Williams, Christopher CO	McWCI
Willis, Michael CO	WCB
Wright, Gary CS	McWCI
Yannacci, Vincent CO	CRCC



# Class 227, Cont'd

Cugno went on to further say that we are all part of this effort. "The 'war on terrorism' is as much yours as it is mine. You, as a uniformed member of society providing public service and public safety are equally engaged in this war."

Correction Officer Larry Tyler was once again the recipient of the Outstanding Instructor Award. This distinction is awarded to the top instructor and is voted on by the graduating class.



Major General William Cugno  
addresses Class 227

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## Japan, Cont'd

Every two years, law enforcement officers from around the world gather to carry the "Flame of Hope" in a Law Enforcement Torch Run(R) Final Leg in honor of the Special Olympics World Games. In 2005, the "Flame of Hope" will be lit in a ceremony in Athens, Greece and carried to Nagano, Japan for the Opening Ceremonies of the 2005 Special Olympics World Winter Games.

The operation of Special Olympics relies heavily on the expertise and energy of volunteers. Volunteers must single-handedly form organizations, manage them, and engage in public relations and fundraising. One of the more important of their activities is the Law Enforcement Torch Run for Special Olympics, in which officers and Special Olympics athletes run with the "Flame of Hope" to the Opening Ceremonies of Special Olympics competitions, including the World Games.

In 1981, the Chief of Police in Wichita, Kansas, USA, became aware that Special Olympics needed to raise its profile in order to facilitate its fundraising activities. He conceived a relay of the town's law enforcement personnel carrying the Special Olympics "Flame of Hope" which was the start of the first Torch Run. The Law Enforcement Torch Run(R) for Special Olympics has now become an extremely large undertaking, involving volunteers from all American states and 35 countries. For the 2005 World Winter Games in Nagano, more than 100 runners from around the world will carry the "Flame of Hope" from Athens, Greece, arriving in Japan 10 days before the start of the Games. They will carry the torch to Nagano via several major cities. At the Opening Ceremonies, the torch will be handed to an athlete and the Special Olympics cauldron will be lit.

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## Calendar

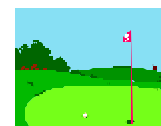


**February 14 - St. Valentine's Day**



**February 16 - Garner CI's Diversity Council is sponsoring a bus trip to the Apollo Theater for Amateur Night on Wednesday, February 16, 2004.**

The cost per person is \$40.00, which includes the bus trip, a ticket to the theatre and snacks on the bus. The bus will leave Garner CI at 4:00 p.m. Staff, friends and family are invited to attend. For more details contact Mary Dunn at 203.270.2832.



**March 8 -** Although it may seem that winter will go on forever, take heart. Spring will officially greet us on

March 20th. To that end, the Joe Bongiorno DOC Golf League will have an organizational meeting for both last year's members and anyone interested in joining. The meeting will be held on March 8th, weather permitting, at JoAnne's Restaurant on Rt. 190 in Somersville, CT., beginning at 4:30 p.m. For more details call Ed Korza at 860.763.7352 or Larry Soine at



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## Did you know?, Cont'd

To deal with household hazardous waste, many communities have set up collection programs to prevent HHW from being disposed of in landfills and incinerators. These programs ensure the safe disposal of HHW in facilities designed to treat or dispose of hazardous waste. In Connecticut, the Metropolitan District Commission and local towns sponsor household hazardous waste collection days. In addition, many Public Works Departments accept used oil and car batteries from residents. Contact your local Public Works Department to find out if your town participates in these collection programs. Also, try these recipes for safe alternatives to hazardous cleaning chemicals: Furniture Polish – Mix 2 teaspoons olive oil, ¼ cup white vinegar, and 20 drops of lemon essential oil in a 16 ounce spray bottle. Fill the rest of the bottle with water and shake well. Spray onto furniture and wipe dry immediately with a soft cloth. Window Cleaner – Pour ¼ cup vinegar in approximately ½ gallon of warm water in a bucket. Mix in ¼ teaspoon liquid soap and a pinch of cornstarch. Wipe down windows with this mixture and dry with a lint-free cloth. Use a spray bottle with club soda for touch-ups. Oven Cleaner – Sprinkle the bottom of the oven with baking soda and spray with water periodically to keep it damp. Let it set overnight. Scoop out baking soda and rinse. These simple recipes will eliminate exposure to toxic chemicals, save money, and help to reduce the amount of hazardous waste released to our environment. If you have any questions or concerns, feel free to contact Rich Pease in Central Office at (860) 692-7562.

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## Around the cell block



**Russia-** In an effort to stop inmates from swearing so much, prison officials are showing films in which scientists describe the hazardous effects of bad language.



**Pennsylvania-** Inmates at the Schuylkill Prison are upset by the wooden gallows in the rec yard that were constructed for the filming of a documentary.

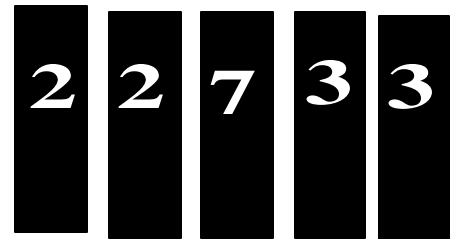


**West Virginia-** It's alleged that Martha Stewart is breaking prison rules by using a code on the telephone so that she can run her magazine.



**Mexico-** After a crackdown that took away their flat screen tv's, cell phones, pizza deliveries and conjugal visits, inmates say they are being treated like dogs.

Supervised  
Population  
on February 9,  
2005



On Feb. 9, 2004 the population was 22,799.